

**REMARKS**

In reply to the Office Action of July 6, 2005, claims 1-3 have been canceled, new claims 4-23 have been added, the specification has been amended and Figure 3 has been amended. Applicant believes the argument made below fully addresses all concerns, and requests allowance of the application as amended.

*Newly added claims 4, 10 and 23 are not anticipated by Pearson*

Claims 1 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Pearson et al. (US 6,501,658).

Person et al. discloses a heatsink mounting with shock absorbers to dampen shock and/or vibration induced relative motion between the heatsink and the board. Basically, shock absorbers are added to the assembly by mounting them in such a fashion, with respect to the heatsink and the motherboard, as to dampen vibrations.

By the present amendment, applicant has cancelled claims 1-3 and added claims 4-23. Applicant submits that independent claims 4, 10 and 22 are clearer versions of previous claim 1 and more specifically define the invention over the prior art of record, and as such, does not warrant a further search. In particular, applicant notes that in contrast to the prior art of record, the present invention includes a mounting portion adapted to removably couple with an open slot formed in the mounting member.

As the remaining claims are dependent, applicant submits that they are inherently more limiting thereof and accordingly are also patentable over the prior art of record.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant submits that all issues raised by the office action of July 6, 2005 have been fully addressed by this amendment. As all issues have been fully addressed, applicant respectfully requests that the application be allowed to issue as amended.


Should the examiner be of the opinion that further amendments or response is required; Applicant encourages the examiner to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number set forth below.

Although no additional fees are believed to be due at this time, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or deficiencies or credit any overpayments Cook, Alex, McFarron, Manzo, Cummings & Mehler, Ltd., Deposit Account No. 50-1039 with reference to attorney docket number (1444-0090).

Respectfully submitted,

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